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1. Col Michel MEDIA has been and is still in contact with several of his former colleagues who are in Munich. His three principal agents there are ALCHIBAJA, TZOMAJA and ANDRONIKOFF, all Georgians. ALCHIBAJA and TZOMAJA are reported to be in contact with the Americans and with Professor von BERNER, another old friend of MEDIA. MEDIA speaks very disparagingly of the three above and has called them "double agents" without, however, explaining his reasons for so doing.

2. MEDIA also maintains contact, independently of the three above, with Prince Dato VATCHNADZE, likewise in Munich. VATCHNADZE is a brother of the film actress Mary COSSAS, wife of the French aviator who was recently condemned for collaboration. The Prince is also closely related to the actress VATCHNADZE, popular idol of the Soviet public and rumored close friend of STALIN. MEDIA asked Prince VATCHNADZE to make a trip to Italy for him this past summer. Either by coincidence or planning, the Prince was in Italy at the time the actress VATCHNADZE was appearing at the festival in Venice as the Soviet representative for the theater.

3. Two other MEDIA contacts are Professor ACHETELLI of the University of Berlin and NAMICHVILI in Salzburg. The latter is known to make frequent trips to Vienna to visit several of his relatives who are there with the Red Army.

4. Princess Nina KROBEK, one of MEDIA's former mistresses, dating from the days when he was working for the Germans in Berlin, appeared in Switzerland last June 1947. The Princess, of Georgian origin, the mother of Countess von KOLBIN. During the war Nina KROBEK a conspicuous figure in Berlin society and many meetings of MEDIA's Caucasian group were held in her home. She went to Hamburg at the end of the war and it is believed that Grégoire BERIDZE, not MEDIA assisted her to enter Switzerland since MEDIA was not anxious to have his already complicated emotional life made even more difficult by the presence of his former mistress.

5. Nina KROBEK has applied for a visitor's visa to the U.S. to see her brother, Prince BODIANI of Boston. Prince BODIANI is suffering from cancer and the Princess KROBEK will probably inherit money when he dies. When this latter probability became evic

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KEDIA was quite pleased, counting on receiving help from Princess KAUBER for his, KEDIA's work. Princess KAUBER has, however, been refused her visa for the present because she gave the Consular official the impression that she intended to immigrate, not merely to visit the United States.

6. Countess von MOLLER dropped the name von MOLLER when she married a German film actor by the name of LANGFELD. She spent the summer in Switzerland and has now returned to Germany, carrying with her letters from KEDIA to several of his German friends.

7. On the 17th December 1947 KEDIA met in Lausanne a German woman named SCHWARTZ, from Berlin. SCHWARTZ brought KEDIA greetings from a former friend of his, a German colonel (HU), who had disappeared during the battle of Stalingrad. Apparently the German has established himself in Russia and, according to SCHWARTZ, is having a "brilliant career".

Field Comment: We would be interested in receiving traces from Munich on the present activities of ALCHIBAJA, TZOMAJA, ANDRONIKOFF and VATCHINADZE. Are any of them in contact with the Americans? Are they permitted to travel outside the American Zone of Germany? Our last record of TZOMAJA and ALCHIBAJA is that they were working for CIC Munich.

Traces:

KEDIA: MSB-1375, MSB-1314, MSB-1316, MSB-1309, MSB-1216,
MSB-1017, MSB-1088, MSBA-274.

ALCHIBAJA: X-4131, MGH-1176

TZOMAJA: X-4131, MGH-1176

BERNDE, von (MATHREVELL): MSB-1375, MGH-1176

BERIDZE: MSB-1375, MSB-1316, MSB-1088, MSB-1017, MSBA-274.

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